PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In regard to the application of Warren E. Kelm entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING COAL being filed concurrently herewith, no prior art search was conducted before the preparation and filing of this application. The only prior art known to the applicant and the undersigned attorney is that set forth in the Background Information portion of the specification.

However, this should not be construed as a representation that no better art exists which may be unknown to applicant. Moreover, no representation is made that the information included in the disclosed references is non-cumulative.

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